

NEW NATIONAL FOREST

VAST TRACT IN ARKANSAS COMES UNDER GOVERNMENT PROTECTION



The president has just signed a proclamation creating the Ozark national forest in the northwestern part of the state of Arkansas. The Ozark and the Arkansas national forest, which was created in December last, form the two easternmost national forests. The new forest has an area of nearly 920,000 acres and is located in Johnson, Newton, Searcy, Hope and Van Buren counties, on the divide between the Arkansas and White rivers. It includes the Boston mountains and other ridges along the southern extremity of the Ozark range of Missouri.

The area included in the new Ozark forest is natural forest land, for the most part covered with unbroken stands of hardwood and shortleaf pine. Oak, hickory, elm, gum, maple and ash are the predominating trees, while the pine is found in limited areas in the southeastern part of the forest.

The timber is estimated to be worth not less than \$1,500,000 just as it stands, and may bring \$5,000,000 if properly handled, as the people of the country who are now selling the timber do not realize the value of their possessions and are accepting \$1.50 to \$3 per 1,000 board feet, and in some cases three to five dollars per acre. The stands on the forest run all the way from nothing up to 12,000 feet per acre, averaging about 3,000 feet in merchantable timber. The value of timber is conservatively placed at three to five dollars per 1,000 feet. It is estimated that there is not less than 500,000,000 feet of hardwood saw timber alone, besides a vast amount of timber suitable for railroad ties, handles, spokes and wagon stock, and timber which is not now cut except for fuel, but which will later become merchantable as the shortage of hardwood increases.

The destruction of the timber through fire has reduced the value of much of the land, and in many places the slopes are washed so badly that the soil has lost much of its power to produce timber. It is thought, however, that under careful management most of these areas can in time be reforested.

Samuel J. Record, supervisor of the Arkansas national forest, will also be in charge of the Ozark, and will continue to have his headquarters at Fort Smith. It is thought that he will have four to six guards added to his force to begin the administration of the new forest in addition to those who have been appointed on the Arkansas national forest. These men will be natives of the state.

The Ozark and Arkansas forests will give the state total national forest area of nearly 2,000,000 acres, but all of the land is not under government control, as considerable areas have been taken up under various claims. The creation of the Ozark national forest has put another relatively small tract of the immense forest area of the Mississippi valley under a system of management according to the principles of scientific forestry. The

work on the forest will serve as an object lesson of conservative lumbering and will surely be watched with interest by private owners of large tracts of forest land in other parts of the Mississippi valley.

The headwaters of Buffalo Fork, White river and Little Red river are included in the Ozark forest, as well as numerous smaller streams. On account of the more frequent occurrence of fire and the larger area of denuded land on the south side, the streams are nearly all muddy, testifying to the rapid erosion which is in marked contrast to the clear sparkling water of Buffalo Fork. At the present time the streams are not used for developing water power, but in all probability they will be of great importance for this use in the near future.

All claims valid prior to the withdrawal of the lands in question will not be affected by the creation of this forest, and all lands chiefly valuable for agriculture and not needed for administrative purposes, that were unavoidably included within the boundaries of this forest, upon application will be listed by the secretary of agriculture with the secretary of the interior, for settlement under the homestead laws.

The new forest brings the total area of the national forests in the United States up to 164,963,555 acres. Practically all of this land is located in the Rocky mountains and Pacific coast region, and all of it is west of the Mississippi.

To Try Bananas Near Mexican Border.

Senor Manuel Cuesta, Mexican consul, has plans maturing for a series of experiments at Mexicali, just across the international line, to demonstrate the fitness of the soil and climate for raising pineapples, bananas and Smyrna figs. He has experimented on a small scale in this line and within a few weeks will have experimental gardens installed at the Mexican town, which gave promise of becoming one of the show places of the imperial valley. Consul Cuesta is convinced that a highly profitable industry in the growing of bananas and pineapples can be developed in the Mexican territory, and that the growing of hen-hen or sisal hemp will also prove a source of much profit. He has samples of fiber and rope manufactured from it produced near here which he claims is superior to much of the fiber now on the market. Another feature of Senor Cuesta's experimental garden will be an attempt to mature coffee plants.—Los Angeles Times.

House of Commons' Vegetarians.

Vegetarian meals are a great success in the British house of commons. A special vegetarian table d'hôte has been provided in the members' dining-rooms for some time. Perhaps not more than a dozen members adhere strictly to the use of "no flesh, no fish," but many are adopting a dietary containing a reduced consumption of meat.

THE PAINTING SEASON.

Good results in painting at the least cost depend largely upon the material chosen. Paint is a simple compound and the ingredients can be easily tested. The solid part or pigment should be White Lead. The liquid part should be Linseed Oil. Those best informed on painting always buy these ingredients separately and have their painter mix them fresh for each job. Before the mixing the test is made.

Place a pea-sized bit of White Lead on a piece of charcoal or piece of wood. Blow the flame against it and see what it will do. If it is pure White Lead, little drops of bright, pure metallic lead will appear, and with patience the White Lead can be completely reduced to one globule of metallic lead. This is because pure White Lead is made from metallic lead.

You may test dozens of other so-called White Leads and not be able to reduce one of them to lead. If they will not change wholly to lead but leave a residue, it is clear that some adulterant is present.

If you should have your painting done with such materials, no matter how cheap they might seem, it would be costly in the end.

National Lead Company, Woodbridge Building, New York City, are sending on request a blowpipe free to any one about to have painting done, so that the White Lead may be tested. With it will be sent a handsomely printed booklet having as its front-piece the "Dutch Boy Painter," reproduced from the original painting. This little painter has become noted as the guaranty of pure White Lead.

Losing a Tenant.

A landlord in the Highlands of Scotland had a "crofter" tenant, who paid him ten shillings a year as rent for the little farm. At the end of the second year the tenant came to the landlord and said that he was not able to pay more than five shillings a year, as crops had been poor. The landlord agreed to this.

At the end of the third year the tenant appeared before the landlord again and complained that things were going so poorly with him that he was not able to pay any rent. The landlord agreed to let him remain rent free. At the end of the fourth year the tenant once more appeared before the landlord, and said:

"Colonel, if you don't build me a barn I'll have to move."

CONCERNING THE OLD MAN.



A man whose boy comes home from school and wants help on his lesson realizes that a little learning is a dangerous thing.

COFFEE EYES.

It Acts Slow, But Frequently Produces Blindness.

The curious effect of slow daily poisoning and the gradual building in of disease as a result, is shown in numbers of cases where the eyes are affected by coffee.

A case in point will illustrate: A lady in Oswego, Mont., experienced a slow but sure disease settling upon her eyes in the form of increasing weakness and shooting pains with wavy, dancing lines of light, so vivid that nothing else could be seen for minutes at a time.

She says:

"This gradual failure of sight alarmed me and I naturally began a very earnest quest for the cause. About this time I was told that coffee poisoning sometimes took that form, and while I didn't believe that coffee was the cause of my trouble, I concluded to quit it and see.

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HE COULD BE TRUSTED.

Youngster "Made Good" Before Temptation Was Put in His Way.

A train from the north pulled into the station at Charlottesville, Va. An elderly man thrust his head out of a window of a day coach and summoned a little colored boy. The following colloquy ensued:

"Little boy, have you a mother?"

"Yassuh."

"Are you faithful to your studies?"

"Yassuh."

"Do you go to Sunday school?"

"Yassuh."

"Do you say your prayers every night?"

"Yassuh."

"Can I trust you to do an errand for me?"

"Yassuh."

"Well, here's five cents to get me a couple of apples."—Success Magazine.

A FORGOTTEN ROMANCE.



"Do you remember, Jane, 20 years ago, a moonlight night, when I whispered, tenderly: 'Jennie, I love you,' and you answered, passionately: 'John, you nose looks so funny and swollen. Do you suppose something's bitten it?'"

CURE AT CITY MISSION.

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Maintaining His Dignity.

Even the elevator boy had to draw the line somewhere, to prevent his being made too common. A writer in the New York Evening Post tells of a recent experience with one of the fraternity.

"If any one calls, Percy, while I am out, tell him to wait. I shall be right back," she said to the apartment house elevator boy.

There was no answer.

"Did you hear me? Why don't you answer?" asked the woman, with some heat.

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The Post's Error.

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